



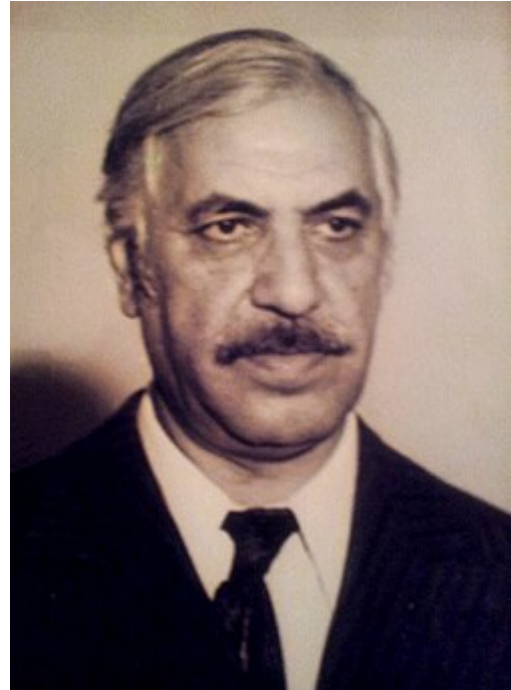
# Balash Azeroglu

**Balash Azeroglu** or Balash Abızade (November 11, 1921, Baku – April 24, 2011, Baku) was a People's Poet of Azerbaijan, literary scholar, and participant in the 21 Azar movement.

During the period of the Azerbaijan People's Government, he was a deputy of the National Assembly of Azerbaijan, editor of the "Covdat" newspaper, deputy chairman of the Azerbaijan State Radio Broadcasting Committee, and a member of the board of the "Society of Writers and Poets." After the collapse of the National Government, he moved to Baku.

In different years, he served as the chairman of the "Azerbaijan Writers' Society," editor of the "Azerbaijan" newspaper, secretary of the Union of Azerbaijani Writers, and chief advisor on South Azerbaijani literature at the Union of Azerbaijani Writers. His works have been translated into English, Russian, Persian, Uzbek, French, Georgian, Ukrainian, and Latvian. For his activities, he was awarded twice with the Honorary Decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Azerbaijan SSR, as well as with the Orders of "Order of the Badge of Honour," "Order of Friendship of Peoples," and "Shohrat Order" and the jubilee medals "21 Azar" and "Jubilee Medal "In Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin"."

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| <b>Born</b>           | 1921-11-11<br><u>Baku, Azerbaijan Soviet Socialist Republic</u>                                                                                                   |
| <b>Died</b>           | 2011-04-24<br><u>Baku, Azerbaijan</u>                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Occupation</b>     | poet, editor, translator, literary critic                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Notable awards</b> | People's Poet of the Azerbaijan SSR, 1981, <u>Order of "Glory" (Azerbaijan)</u>  1997, <u>Order of "Friendship of Peoples"</u> , <u>Order of "Badge of Honor"</u> |
| <b>Spouse</b>         | Madina Gulgun                                                                                                                                                     |